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Dear Sirs:

Please instruct the Examiner to conduct a patentability examination of the subject application.

We would suggest introducing into the German case the following claim which is the claim of the corresponding United States case revised to conform with the German practice:

> A burnable sheet which may be used as a tobacco substitute characterized by containing substantially no tobacco and comprising from 5.0 to 95.0% by weight of a film-forming ingredient comprising a pectinaceous material derived from tobacco plant parts and having an acid value in excess of 30 milligrams of KOH per gram and from 5.0 to 90.0% by weight of a mineral ingredient selected from the group comprising an alkali metal salt and alkaline earth metal salt or a clay.

While we are not requesting a revision of the specification, in view of our suggestion to introduce the new claim set forth above,

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you are authorized to revise the specification to bring it in line with the above-proposed new claim according to German practice.

Please submit the proposed claim and revise the specification accordingly, if in your judgment this is necessary, by September 5, 1970.

Very truly yours,

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